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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: INDO-RUSSIAN NUCLEAR
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reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press.
The Mission reports on English-language media via email
through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

INDO-RUSSIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

[11](#). "RUSSIA-INDIA NUCLEAR AGREEMENT," editorial in
December 11 Leftist Kolkata Bengali GANASHAKTI: "The
Indo-Russian nuclear agreement will have far reaching
effect on bilateral relationship. This pact offers more
facilities than the Indo-U.S. civilian nuclear deal.
Washington naturally faces terrible embarrassment.
While Russia is fully cooperating with India on
developing its nuclear energy capability, America
unethically wanted to obtain mileage with several
conditions. From that angle, the Indo-Russian pact is
much more positive."

[12](#). "ENERGY OF COOPERATION," editorial in December 9
Hindi daily, DAINIK HINDUSTAN: "India-Russia relations
touched new heights in the economic-political and
nuclear sectors during PM Manmohan Singh's Moscow
visit. The India-Russia nuclear deal is far ahead of
the U.S.-India 123 agreement. The liberal India-Russia
nuclear deal is in the interest of both nations. The
Russian economy benefits from selling defense or energy
technology and equipment to India. And the latter gets

easily what it does not get from the West. The U.S. imposes many conditions on the sale of defense equipment, technology and reprocessing, but Russia does not."

COPENHAGEN

¶3. "EXPECTATIONS FROM COPENHAGEN," op-ed in December 10 Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "All eyes are on Copenhagen where a new agreement to reduce greenhouse gases is expected as the Kyoto Protocol ends in 2012. Many countries have declared cuts in carbon emissions, but unfortunately developed nations, which are major polluters, want to impose it on developing countries. What can be more ironical than the fact that the U.S. has not yet signed the Kyoto Protocol? Developed nations consume 88% of the world's natural resources, despite being less in population. They should bear the responsibility to reduce emissions."

AFGHANISTAN

¶4. "AMERICA TO BEGIN A NEW WAR," opinion in December 11 centrist Marathi Daily, PUDHARI: "President Obama was widely criticized for also announcing the date for withdrawal of troops along with the decision of sending

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extra troops to Afghanistan. No American President in the past had made such a kind of announcement. After all, what was the need to declare the date of withdrawal of troops? The enemy gets a heads up of what is going to happen because of such announcements."

PAKISTAN

¶5. "AMERICA'S FINAL WARNING TO PAKISTAN," opinion in December 11 centrist Marathi daily, VARTAHAAR: "General James Jones has warned the Pakistani army that if it is not successful in its military action against Taliban insurgents and terrorist groups then it would force the US army into Pakistan. It would also be compelled to increase the drone strikes in the area. The meaning that could be implied from this is that America is not content with Pakistan army's action against the Taliban and Obama administration has come to the conclusion that to relinquish the Taliban it has to send its troops to Pakistan."

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